God’s Gift to You

God’s greatest gift to you is your own self. Some of us have trouble believing that we are good enough. Some of us believe we are better than we are. Most of us crazily lurch between these two misbeliefs. The reality is: “I am no better and no worse than God has made me to be...and who I am is a wonder.”

We aren’t at ease with this idea, indeed with our own selves, because we are too preoccupied comparing ourselves with others: are we better or worse off than them? Indulging that question, no matter which way we answer it, leads eventually to discontent and unhappiness.

Coming to accept and delight in this gift of God, our own self, is a long, indeed life-long process. We seem reluctant to enter into the wonder...and often wonder how to do it. Two ways come to mind. Sitting with God in prayer and being grateful for the parts of ourselves that we are happy with is a good beginning. When we are grounded in what is good in us, we might then be able to discover - with God - the goodness of those parts of ourselves we don’t like. Another way to appreciate the gift of our selves is to gift ourselves to others in love. Recognising our qualities and talents and using them to serve is an outstanding way of consolidating our sense of self-worth. This is not an exercise in pride or naval-gaving but a way of entering into the mystery of love in which we have been created.

*Loving God, praised be you for creating me! Let me enter into the mystery of myself and as I enter into that wonder may I share the gift of myself with others in love. I ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear me.*

Sr Kym Harris osb

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**Dates For Your Diary**

**Throughout April - Kinder Enrolments**

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"God will carry you safely through every struggle.”

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Dear Parents/Carers

GRADE 3 SPORT SESSION AT PORT HUON
Last Friday all our Grade 3 students went to the Port Huon Sports Centre for some fun games. The class earnt this privilege by working well together as a class. Congratulations to all our Grade 3 students. Thanks to Mrs Kathy Allwright for organizing this fun event!

NAPLAN ASSESSMENT
These assessments for Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will take place at school from 13th – 15th May. These literacy and numeracy assessments are conducted across the country for all students in these grades.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS
These meetings are on this afternoon and tonight. Thank you for responding so quickly with reply forms. It is very re-assuring to know that parents are keen to be informed about how their children are progressing at school. Please ensure that you arrive prior to your appointment times. Meetings will take place in your child’s classroom.

RELAY FOR LIFE – CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS
Last Saturday and Sunday our School Relay for Life Team took part in this important event at the Huonville Oval. It was a fantastic effort from staff, parents and students who collectively raised over $2000. Special thanks to Maree McQueen for her wonderful coordination of this event.

The Relay Car Wash raised $146 and the Relay Cake Stall raised $155. A fantastic effort also, especially from our younger students.

All involved have responded well to those famous words from Mary MacKillop:

“Never see a need without doing something about it”

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2015
A reminder to all families that we are now accepting enrolments for our Kindergarten class for 2015. If you have not already done so, please contact the School office and an application package will be sent out to you.

Kinder enrolment interviews will take place early in Term 2. Over the last two years, our Kindergarten places have filled up very quickly, so don’t leave your applications too late.
EASTER RAFFLE
Please do your best to sell the tickets and return the money and tickets to the school office. There will be 8 prizes this year and the P&F has also decided to provide each child with an Easter egg as well.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW AT 12.30PM
A reminder that assembly will be on again tomorrow. Kinder, Grade 1/2, Grade 4 and Grade 5/6 will all be presenting an item. Merit awards will also be presented.

A MUSIC ASSEMBLY will be held on the last day of school; Thursday, 17th April commencing at 12pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NEXT P&F MEETING – NEXT WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY – 1.45pm.
We are very keen to have some new parents on our P&F this year. We have organized next week’s meeting to take place from 1.45 – 3pm to allow parents to take their children home straight after the meeting. If you can come along, please send home the reply form sent home yesterday. (and also in this newsletter)

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT BY DIRECT DEBIT
Thank you to the parents who have already organized their payment of school fees by direct debit. The school really appreciates your prompt attention to this. If you have any concerns about these new arrangements, please do not hesitate in contacting me for a confidential discussion. We are very keen to work with families with the payment of school fees.

Best wishes for the coming week!

Luch Brighella
Principal